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Welcome to the Community Action News e-bulletin. Our new look e-bulletin will bring you monthly news and information from members, the voluntary and charity sector. If you have any information you would like shared amongst our 200+ members please [contact us](#) by the second Friday of each month.. We hope you find the information interesting and useful.

The Marketing & Communications Team

V.C.S.E. National News

Building Better Opportunities

**BIG
LOTTERY
FUND**

£260m from Big Lottery Fund to leverage European funding for projects across England that tackle poverty and promote social inclusion

[READ MORE HERE](#)

Big Energy Saving Network - Grant Offer Fund

DECC has launched the 2014/15 Big Energy Saving Network, a £1 million programme to support eligible third sector organisations and community groups, deliver help and advice to vulnerable consumers.

[Click here for further information.](#)

THE SAFE NETWORK BULLETIN SUMMER EDITION

The summer edition of the [Safe Network Strategic Bulletin](#) has arrived! This edition covers a number of topics relating to Safe Network as well as other activities that may be of interest including: Safe Network turns five!, plans for the rest of 2014-15, Ofsted consultation on integrated inspections, and National delivery partners.

[DOWNLOAD HERE](#)

New guidelines on starting a charity

The Charity Commission has published revised guidance on setting up and registering a charity... read more at www.charitycommission.gov.uk

New EU procurement rules - FREE training

Free training on the new EU procurement rules, including two specific sessions aimed at VCSEs. Find out more and sign up. [HERE](#)

The Social Investment 2014 Strategy Report - UPDATE

The report sets out progress against 2013 commitments and plans for the next 12 months to develop a thriving social investment market where social ventures can access the capital they need to grow. [SEE THE FULL REPORT HERE](#)

Certificate in Sustainable Funding

If you are a senior manager or trustee within a charity or voluntary sector organisation who has the responsibility for developing a funding strategy then this course is for you. The course will run during November and December 2014. To book for the next series of the Certificate in Sustainable Funding please [see the NCVO website for details HERE...](#)

Experts share top 10 tips for charities on social media

A panel of social media experts recently got together for the Guardian Voluntary Sector Network's live Q&A, to explore how charities can maximise their social media impact and guarantee success. [Here are their top ten tips for charities using social media:](#)

Local News

Help us help other charities

Help us to help other local charities, voluntary organisations and community groups by making a one off or regular donation to our fundraising initiative on Golden Giving. [CLICK HERE](#)



BOP WHILE YOU SHOP WITH RADIO DACORUM

Radio Dacorum has launched an easy fundraising service to help its listeners help the community volunteer run radio station, [CLICK THE LOGO FOR MORE](#)

easyfundraising
.org.uk



CVS St Albans - Grant and Funding Administrator

Job Opportunity:

- 21 hours/week, 1 year contract
 - Salary £13321 (Pro rata +OLW)
- For more information and to apply [see their website here](#)

Community Navigators (HertsHelp in the West)

Are you a people person who is good at finding solutions? We are looking for local navigators (one for each District of West Hertfordshire) to help us develop this brand new service which is a partnership between Herts County Council, the NHS and the voluntary sector. [TO READ MORE AND APPLY CLICK HERE](#)

GO RED -

For Herts Air Ambulance

Herts Air Ambulance is once again looking to the people of Herts to show their support for the county's life-saving helicopter by taking part in 'Go Red', a week long event which takes place during National Air Ambulance Week [READ MORE](#)

Dacorum Volunteer League has arrived!

Could your team win the first Dacorum Volunteer League challenge? Test yourselves by joining our charity bag packing weekend at Marks and Spencer in the Marlowes, Hemel [READ MORE AND ENTER](#)



Volunteer Centre

Dacorum

Berkhamsted Festival of light 2014

Berkhamsted Festival of Light Sunday 30 November. Now taking bookings for stalls. More info from Louise Cecil **01442 253935**



Dacorum Hospital Action Group - Hospital Survey

Dacorum Hospital Action Group are a local non-profit action group, giving a voice to those who wish to have an open dialogue about the future of the local hospital. [Dacorum Hospital Action Group](#)

Children's Centre Consultation

A consultation on children's centres in Hertfordshire has now opened. Get involved by completing [the online survey here](#).



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INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

Do you or your organisation have any relevant news or upcoming charitable events that we can share for you?

Please send to matt@communityactiondacorum.org.uk



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NEAR NEIGHBOURS GRANTS

The Near Neighbours programme offers small grants between £250 and £5,000, providing seed capital for local groups and organisations who are working to bring together neighbours, to develop relationships across diverse faiths and ethnicities in order to improve their communities.

[SEE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE HERE](#)

COMMUNITY GRANTS

The next Community Grants application phase is now open.

Grants of up to £15,000 can be applied for by small third sector organisations.

[READ MORE HERE](#)



GSK IMPACT Awards/Kings Fund

The GSK IMPACT Awards have been running since 1997 and are designed to recognise and reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. They are funded by GlaxoSmithKline and managed in partnership with The King's Fund.

[TO READ MORE AND APPLY](#)

Funding for Disability Tennis Equipment

Individuals, disability groups, clubs and special schools can apply for funding to the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust for the purchase of specialist wheelchairs and tennis equipment.

Full criteria and details of who can apply [can be downloaded here](#)

MTV Staying Alive Foundation Grant



STAYING ALIVE

Applications are now open for a staying alive foundation grant. The two-stage process begins with a short online form for the December 2014 intake and will close on 24th august. [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE AND TO APPLY.](#)

Innovation Grants Money Advice Trust

Programme aims – To empower individuals or microbusinesses to tackle their debts and improve financial health. Support staff in charities across the UK to provide effective debt and/or money advice. Improve the UK's money and debt environment.

[Closing date for Expressions of Interest is midnight 17 August 2014 READ MORE...](#)

Help the Homeless Grant Scheme

Grants of up to £3,000 are available towards capital costs to

support projects that help disadvantaged individuals in their return to mainstream society, through residential or training facilities. The next application deadline is the 15th September 2014

[READ MORE AND APPLY HERE](#)



We can help you with one to one funding advice and support during the funding application process.

To find out more go to Community Action Dacorum or contact us on [email](#) or 01442 253935. To **unsubscribe**, email unsubscribe@communityactiondacorum.org.uk



Want some funding advice?